Medical Stores Depots and the Priftcir pal Testing Centres in Madras such as the Bioloical Laboratory and Ani- Bial House;

.(b) whether it is a fact that medi-eines are tested in the private drug testing laboratories while the Biological Laboratory and Aninaal House are fully equipped;

(b) if so the details thereof

(d) whether Government are aware of the fact that condoms, bandages. and sutures are tested at private lab oratories at the cost of Rs. 100/- per sample tor want of a Tensil meter;
and - (e) if so,, what steps Government
have taken to end wasteful expendi ture in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) There is no prepetual conflict between the Medical Stores Depots of the Medical Stores Organisation and the Biological Laboratory, Madras. Show-ever, some problems exist between the Government Medical Store Depot, Madras and the Biological Laboratory, Madras. Government are trying to sort these out.

(b) In view of the importance of time factor in drug test as also due %o the distance between the Bio-lab., Madras and the Medical Stores De pots,, faciities at Government approv-ed private testing laboratories are also availed of.

(c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(d) Bandages and sutures are being tested for quality a"; the Bio-lab., Madras, but condoms are tested exclusively at the I.G.S. Lab. as per terms and conditions of D.G.S.&D contracts.

(e) In view of this posiMon, the question of wasteful expenditure does not arise.

Filling up .lof;/he.,po^ of Chainuan of the Indian Council of- Historical Research

, 1190. SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not filling up the post of the Chairman of the Indian Council of Historical Research and

(b) what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) and (b) *The appointment of the Chairman ot* the Indian Council of His;orical Research is under consideration of ihe Government.

Food for learning Project

1191. SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELCfiSaT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a" faci that 'Food for Learning Project' to benefit lakhs of girls in rural areas has failed to take ofiE for nearly three years now;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there is any proposal *to* reformulate the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) to (c) Nb specific 'Food for Learning Project' was taken up for implementation but Dr. M. S. Swaminathan, formerly Member, Planning Commission had sent a copy of the talk delivered by him in February, 1982 to the '{hen Minister of State for Education whereni he had mooted the idea of such a projec t He suggested that a few pilot projects in suitable areas be considered for being taken up wilh 'World Food Programme' assistance.

This idea was examined and given shape in consultation with concerned Ministeries and 15 States and 3 Union Territories, where enrolment ratio was less ilhan 70 per cent in res-